articles arc made of ingredients not classified as carcinogenic to numans. Certain plastic containers may, however, contain chemicals shown to be carcinogenic.

(b) The Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, 1954 and the. rules made threunder permit use of only those plastic which conform to the ISI specifications and arc considered safe.

Viral fever in Tribal Areas of Eastern Region

3295. DR. VENKATESHWAR KAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether viral fever is rampant in tribal areas of Eastern region;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) measures taken to aradicatc such disease and provide adequate medical facilities as well as improve sanitary conditions in the tribal areas;

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP) (a) to (c) There is no report to suggest that viral fever is rempant in tribal areas of the eastern region of the country. The common viral fever/conditions of public health importance, in India are viral hepatitis, dengue, Japanese Encephalitis, measles and polio. For viral diseases, as on today, there is no specific treatment. For prevention and control of viral hepatitis, states arc advised for provision of safe water supply and provision of safe water supply and environmental sanitation. Regarding Dengue, the Directorate of National Malaria Eradication Programme have worked out a contingency action for its prevention and control. Regarding Japanese Encephalitis control, Insecticide spraying and fogging with malthion is undertaken in endemic areas. For prevention of Measles and Poliomyclities, which usually affects young children, vaccines arc given under Child Survivial and Safe Motherhood (CSSM) programme. Health Education measures are also undertaken.

Health Sub-Centres without female health worker

3296. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of sub-centres in the country which are without Female Health Worker (ANM);

(b) what is the reason for this; and

(c) what steps will be taken to see that the sub-centres are actually stagged with female health workers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI RAMKANT D. KHALAP): (a) to (c) Out of a total of 132730 Sub-Centres functioning in the country, 6717 Sub-centres are without Auxiliary Nurse Mid-wives. The State Governments are advised from time to time to take necessary steps for filling up vacancies at these centres. 514 ANM training schools, with admission capacity of 16293, are available in the country to take care of the shortfall.

Review of the Village Health Guide Scheme

3297. SHRI JAGIR SINGH DARD: DR. SHRIKANT RAM CHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any review of the Village Health Guide (VHG) Scheme has been made;

(b) if so, the results thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Governments arc aware that in several thousand villages there is